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SUBJECT: CHILEAN NATIONALS LUIS ALBERTO GUENDELMAN WISNIAK AND JUAN
CARLOS PERELMAN

REF: A. SANTIAGO 4990; B. SANTIAGO 2827

1. SUMMARY: FATHER OF PERELMAN REPORTS THAT BODIES OF HIS SON
AND OF GUENDELMAN PURPORTEDLY FOUND IN ARGENTINA ARE NOT
IDENTIFIED AS SUCH. END SUMMARY.

2. PERELMAN: SIMON PERELMAN, FATHER OF JUAN CARLOS (REF B),
CAME TO EMBASSY JULY 22 TO REPORT LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. HE STATED
HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM CHILEAN CONSUL IN BUENOS AIRES ON
JULY 19. CONSUL TOLD HIM THAT BADLY BURNED BODY HAD BEEN FOUND
IN ARGENTINA WITH ID CARNET OF JUAN CARLOS PERELMAN BESIDE IT.
PERELMAN FAMILY WAS ASKED TO SEND DATA TO CONSUL TO HELP
CONFIRM IDENTIFICATION. BROTHER OF JUAN CARLOS VIEWED
BODY IN BUENOS AIRES, AND DESPITE POOR CONDITION OF BODY, WAS
SATISFIED THAT IT WAS NOT RPT NOT JUAN CARLOS. SIMON PERELMAN
SAID HE CONTINUES TO PRESS GOC AND ALL OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES
OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE IN EFFORT TO LOCATE JUAN
CARLOS, BUT HE IS RESIGNED TO PROBABILITY THAT HE IS DEAD,
SINCE GOC COULD END PRESSURE BY PRODUCING HIM ALIVE.

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3. SIMON PERELMAN PLANS TO CONTACT "NEWSWEEK" REPORTER

JAMES PRINGLE, WHO WROTE EARLIER STORY ON JUAN CARLOS' SUPPOSED DETENTION BY GOC SECURITY FORCES. SIMON BELIEVES THAT JUAN CARLOS WAS KILLED BY DINA SOME TIME AGO IN CHILE. CONTINUED PRESSURE OF FAMILY AND VARIOUS HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INQUIRIES, ETC., HAS IN SIMON'S VIEW LED GOC OR PERHAPS DINA ACTING ALONE TO ENLIST SUPPORT OF ARGENTINE RIGHTWING EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS IN PLANTING GENUINE DOCUMENTS OF "DISAPPEARED" CHILEANS ON OTHER BODIES IN ARGENTINA. AIM WOULD BE TO SUPPORT GOC CLAIM THAT IT NEVER HELD THE INDIVIDUALS AND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IN HIDING ABROAD. SIMON PERELMAN AND THOSE ASSISTING FAMILY DOUBT THAT ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES THEMSELVES WOULD GO THIS FAR IN SUPPORTING GOC. WE PRESUME THIS IS GENERAL LINE SIMON PERELMAN WILL COMMUNICATE TO PRINGLE.

4. GUENDELMAN: SIMON PERELMAN SAID THAT CHILEAN CONSUL WHO CALLED HIM VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WAS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF SUPPOSED JUAN CARLOS BODY, BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED THAT TWO BODIES FOUND EARLIER (REFTEL A) WERE NOT REPEAT NOT THOSE OF GUENDELMAN AND ROBOSTAN AFTER ALL. SIMON PERELMAN TALKED WITH GUENDELMAN FAMILY IN LAST DAY OR TWO, AND WAS TOLD THAT GUENDELMAN'S MOTHER HAD FLOWN TO BUENOS AIRES FROM ISRAEL WHEN NOTIFIED OF DISCOVERY OF BODY. MOTHER DETERMINED BEYOND DOUBT (BODY WAS MUCH LARGER THAN HER SON) THAT IT WAS NOT RPT NOT LUIS ALBERTO GUENDELMAN. PERELMAN ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT ROBOSTAN FAMILY PLANS TO SEND SOMEONE TO BUENOS AIRES TO CHECK OTHER BODY, BUT FROM DESCRIPTION GIVEN THEM (UNCLEAR WHETHER FROM GOC OR GOA SOURCES) THEY BELIEVE IT IS PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT ROBOSTAN.

5. COMMENT: FONMINISTRY HAS NOT RPT NOT COMMUNICATED WITH US FURTHER ON GUENDELMAN (REFTEL A).
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